



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to begin the newsletter with a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support in the last few weeks of term. It was a difficult time with our COVID cases being on the rise but the great communication with our families made the return to bubbles relatively smooth.

As I stated in my Parentmail message during the break, the bubbles appear to have had the desired effect. The stricter measures, along with a break for half term, means we have seen confirmed cases plummet.

We intend to remain in our bubbles this week, to monitor the situation as we return to school, and, hopefully, we will be able to lift some restrictions in the coming weeks.

Please remain vigilant about checking your family for symptoms – take two minutes to re-read the How Can You Help Us section of the newsletter to remind yourself of the steps to take.

All being well, we have an exciting term ahead of us with school trips planned, class assemblies restarting and Christmas events to look forward to. We also look forward to catching up with parents regarding children progress this year at Parents' Evening next week. For this term, Parents' Evening will be a one-to-one telephone conversation and appointments will be released on Parentmail in the coming days.

With your continued support, we will work together to keep our community safe and reduce any impact on the children's learning this term.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

1st November First Day of Term

2nd November Individual School Photos

Week Beginning 8th November Parents' Evening

15th November 9.10am Year 6 Class Assembly Rescheduled (COVID permitting)

17th November Open Day for Reception 2022 (COVID permitting)

22nd November 9.10am Year 5 Class Assembly (COVID permitting)

7th December Open Day for Reception 2022 (COVID permitting)

10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

17th December Carol Concert (COVID permitting) & Last Day of Term

24th January 9.10am Year 4 Class Assembly

13th February 9.10am Year 3 Class Assembly

14th March 9.10am Year 2 Class Assembly

16th May 9.10am Year 1 Class Assembly

20th June 9.10am Reception Class Assembly

COVID - HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Check your family for symptoms every day: **cough, temperature above 37.8 degrees, loss of taste or smell**
- **Do not send children in with symptoms - instead arrange a PCR test if they have any of them.**
- Arrive on time (not early or late).
- One adult to drop off and pick up and leave the premises as soon as you can.
- **Make sure we have 2 emergency contacts (in case your child develops symptoms throughout the day).**
- **Answer the phone if we call. If a child develops symptoms, they must go home as soon as possible.**
- Minimise entry to school - contact school by phone or email/pay for lunches in bulk, by cheque.



SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child(ren) entitled to a Free School Meal?

Don't miss out on the benefit related Free School Meal offer, you can quickly check if you are eligible and apply at www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals

A hot, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime can help with learning, concentration, and positive behaviour.

OPEN DAYS

If you or your friends are looking for a school place in Reception for September 2022 then come along to one of our many Open Days.

You'll get a chance to meet the governors, have a chat with me and take tour of the school with some year 6 pupils.

Open Day Dates

17th November 9.30am and 11.00am
7th December 2.00pm and 4.00pm
11th January 11am

To book in advance contact the office on 01454 866527 or office@gillingstool.org.uk or just join us on the day.

DECADES WEEK

We ended the term in style with some great learning during our Decades Week. There were examples of amazing cross-curricular writing across the school, classes rang with music from across the years and some fabulous artwork was created.

As ever, our favourite day was Friday when we had the chance dress up. Thank you to everyone for being so inventive with your costumes. Although a few classes were a little depleted, they all looked amazing.



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor.
This entails aiding and supporting the children during lunchtime both in the hall and the playground.

The hours are from 12.00 to 1.15pm each day joining the rest of the team.

If you are interested in this post and would like more information please contact the office.



HOT CHOC HEROES

Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week Seven

Romey
Paige
Keira
Archie
Cameron
Ethan

Week Eight

Otis
Poppy
Enol
Kian
Sarina
Loreen
KaylaMay
Massimo



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

